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28. Belgian Patent No. BE 628783 A to Mario Raimondi, issued on June 17, 1963 which relates to a bicycle envisioned to be able to reduce its obstruction quickly and vice versa, characterized by the fact that the structure of support of the aft wheel is studied to turn around a transverse axis, concurrent with the axis of the crank or adjacent to this one, so as to be able to place the aft wheel between an amount of the saddle and the direction tube, the assembly framework between the amounts being made up so as to receive the aft wheel maintained in its longitudinal plane and the fork of the nose gear wheel being able to turn advantageously around the axis of direction, to lead it to superimpose itself partially on the aft wheel laid out between the two amounts;
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